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Shavuoth, the holiday when Israel received the Torah at Mount Sinai, occurs this year on Tuesday night, June 8th, and on Wednesday and Thursday, June 9th and 10th. Services will be held in all synagogues in Ottawa at 8.30 p.m., June 8th, and at 8.30 a.m., on June 9th and 10th.

Yiskor (Memorial Service) will be held in all the synagogues on Thursday morning, June 10th, at 10.00 a.m.

Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will preach on Wednesday morning, the first day of the holiday, at the Congregation Agudath Achim, Rideau Street, on the topic, "The Basis of Character". On Thursday morning, June 10th, he will address the Congregation Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Avenue, on the topic "The Indestructible Heritage".

Overseas Honor Roll

In recent weeks the following Ottawa men on active service have arrived overseas:

Katz, LAC., S.
Levitan, P.O., E.
Markovitz, LAC., B.
Skulsky, LAC., M.
Taller, O.S., H.
Zelikovitz, Sgt., W.

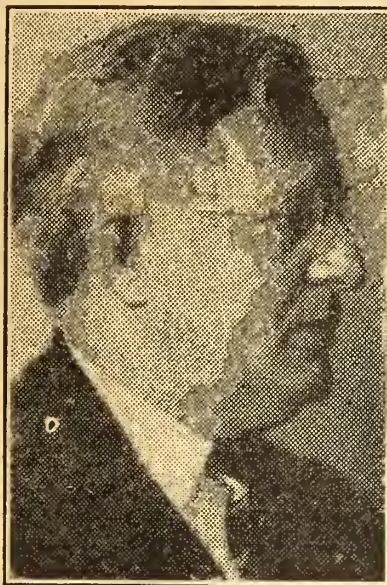
SHABBOS AND YOM TOV CANDLES

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| May 21 | 8.11 p.m. |
| May 28 | 8.19 p.m. |
| June 4 | 8.25 p.m. |
| June 8 (Shavuoth) | 8.28 p.m. |
| June 11. | 8.30 p.m. |
| June 18. | 8.35 p.m. |

SIYUM HAGODOL

Seven years of daily study brought the Chevra Mishnayas of Congregation Machzikei Hadath (Murray Street) to the great occasion of a Siyum Hagodol. The "Hadran" was delivered by Rabbi Fasman at a dinner of the members held in the Synagogue vestry rooms early in May. To combine charity with Torah-learning, a plate was passed for Ezrath Torah.

U.P.A. Mass Meeting Will Hear Elihu D. Stone



ELIHU D. STONE

The 1943 campaign for the United Palestine Appeal and Hadassah Youth Aliyah will be launched at a Massmeeting in the Talmud Torah on Sunday, May 30th, at 8.30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Elihu D. Stone of Boston.

Mr. Stone is honorary life president of the New England Zionist Region, having organized the Region and served as its president for 13 years. A former vice-president of the Zionist Organization and now a member of its executive committee, a member of the Actions Committee of the World Zionist Organization and a member of the Administrative Committee of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, Mr. Stone is one of the outstanding Zionist personalities in the United States.

As President of Mishkan Tefila Congregation in Boston, he heads one of the largest institutions of its kind in the United States.

His public activity has been varied. For twelve years he was a United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. He also served as a member of the Massachusetts Legislature, and in this capacity he instituted and secured passage of resolutions in favor of Palestine as a Jewish Homeland, thus putting Massachusetts on record as the first

A Call By Mr. Freiman

"The decision of His Majesty's Government to admit 29,000 Jewish souls, mostly children, into Palestine, within the next twelve months was recently announced in the House of Commons by Colonial Secretary, Oliver Stanley. The Jewish Agency has already pledged in advance its regular budget for 1943 to bring about the immigration into Palestine of these 29,000 refugees and their settlement in the Homeland. As a result, the United Palestine Appeal in 1943 demands sacrifices beyond comparison with our efforts in previous years. The Jews of Canada must rise to the needs of the hour. Those Jews who will escape from Europe, their kin missing or murdered, robbed of their possessions, and broken by their terrible ordeals must be nurtured back to life and dignity. They cannot find this anywhere but in Palestine. To that immediate task and to the large scale planning for the future, the 1943 United Palestine Appeal is dedicated."

A. J. FREIMAN,

Dominion Chairman.

United Palestine Appeal.

State of the Union on the subject. Through his efforts the late Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was instrumental in bringing about the passage in the United States Congress of the famous Lodge resolution in the year 1922, favoring the establishment of the Jewish Homeland in Palestine—an action which was later embodied in the treaty between the American Government and Great Britain.

In connection with his Jewish work, Mr. Stone has travelled through a large part of the United States and Canada, and has also been in Palestine and Europe, having attended many Zionist Congress as a delegate from the United States. Mr. Stone was a delegate to the last Zionist Congress in Geneva, Switzerland, in 1939.

Twenty-nine thousand Jewish souls that may be rescued to the Holy Land by our efforts argue that every Jewish man and woman of Ottawa should be in the Talmud Torah next Sunday to hear the message of Mr. Stone.

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Oscar Z. Fasman, Rabbi

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Wartime Prices and Trade Board Exemption Certificate
No. 66, dated Feb. 9, 1943.

Again, An Attack To Be Backed

The Bermuda Conference decided to let the relationship between the persecuted Jewish refugees of Europe and the land of Palestine remain within the jurisdiction of the British Government. Unfortunately, the administration that Government keeps in power in the Holy Land has not shown too great an interest in utilizing the country as a haven for the homeless of Israel. The same administration, however, has been forced to admit time and time again that the development of Palestine beneath the drive of Jewish enthusiasm has been marvellous to the sight, tremendously valuable for the war effort, and undeniably constructive. Whatever it has rejected in the persuasion of words and ideas that pleaded the righteousness of the Zionist cause, it had to bow in the form of concrete achievements. Thus, the front line of Jewish defense in Eretz Yisroel has been built out of the brawn and brain the Yishub.

But in the democratic lands people no longer talk of defense. The language we use concentrates upon thoughts of attack. By the same token, Jews who are unashamed and unafraid must learn to reason in the vigorous phrases of attack. Now it is a commonplace that attack is more costly than defense, that more effort and more sacrifice must be expended in moving forward against fixed positions than in holding what one already has.

Long enough have we defended our claim to rebuilding our homeland, and every impartial judge will agree that our defense was clearly justifiable. Today, we must go forth to attack, in order on the one hand to break down the restrictions that still threaten us by the White Paper policy in Palestine, and on the other hand, to break through the cold wall of indifference that so tragically manifested itself in Bermuda. Our weapons will have to be yet more effective, more powerful and more irresistible.

As four Victory Loans and heavy taxes have proved in Canada, it costs money to have weapons. It will certainly cost sums far beyond anything we Jews raised in the past to conduct our Palestinian offensive

to a successful conclusion. The communities of Montreal and Toronto have given convincing evidence that they understand the vital importance of the new responsibilities before the Hebrew people, and they have contributed to the United Palestine Appeal this year more than double what they gave last year. Our city, frequently referred to as the capital of Zionism in this Dominion, must not fail to uphold these splendid examples. The United Palestine Appeal summons us this month to put the movement for the redemption of Israel on the basis of determined attack. May our local victory be complete, and may it prove symbolic for the peace and salvation of broken Israel and an agonized humanity.

BIRTHDAY OF THE TORAH

The Jewish sages claim that the Torah was the companion of the Almighty before the world was created, but for human purposes it is generally understood that the Torah was born into our world at the moment the children of Israel listened to the voice of the Creator on Sinai. Shavuoth is, therefore, the birthday of the Torah, and a unique birthday at that. Ordinarily, a birthday marks an addition to the period of time one has lived and a corresponding diminution in the period of time yet to be lived. But whoever understands the meaning of the Torah realizes that there is no conceivable end of time for its influence, that its importance in the life of man never grows less.

Regardless of how cynical one chooses to be about progress in society, he must accept that the human conscience cannot move backwards. Once it has seen the validity of a universal principle, conscience can never forget it. It will never happen again, for example, that the educational method of Sparta to punish children for clumsiness at theft will command the approval of all men. It may perhaps happen that in some sections of the world a policy of that kind will flourish, but it can no longer come about that the recognition of its fundamental brutality will escape the intelligence of great numbers. Or, to take another illustration, the Seventh Commandment holds so strongly on civilized man that attempts at free love have only taught society the miserable failure, the absolute destruction of love, they produced.

Morality and ethics, to be sure, are not static. Our conceptions about them undergo numerous and constant changes; yet whatever systems we proceed to develop must sink their shafts into the bedrock of the Ten Commandments. We may, that is, interpret in a new light the ramifications of the imperative, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour," so that television and psychological suggestion will come within its scope, but we cannot build a happy world upon a denial of the sin in the falsification of testimony. Unquestionably we must shape our political institutions and our social philosophy to meet the broadening needs of a humanity on the march towards a more equitable age, but we cannot reach this goal by ignoring the necessity of rest for those who labour, or by rejecting the thesis that covetousness is an evil trait.

Let us celebrate with abiding gratitude the birthday of the Torah, the entrance into civilization of those principles that, Hitler is learning the hard way, cannot be contradicted with impunity. The flame from the birthday candles first lit by Moses is already consuming Nazi tyranny. The Flying Fortresses, the Lancasters, the Spitfires that are making of the house of the oppressor a shambles all take off from Sinai.

Breakfast Club In Brilliant Session

Concluding the greatest year in its history, the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club held its final session at the Congregation Agudath Achim, Rideau Street, on Sunday morning, May 9th. Tribute was paid to the brilliant work that Director My. Bessin has carried on throughout the year with his boys.

Keen competition for the Robert Edelman Oratorical Cup was manifest in the stimulating addresses delivered by seven members; Joel Zagerman was awarded first place. Basketball crests were issued to the members of the team led by Captain Sydney Aisenberg. On behalf of the Tel Aviv Tennis Club, Mr. Ben Rose presented membership cards to Irving Soloway and Lissie Flatt for their outstanding work in furthering the interests of the Club. Announcement was made that in memory of Jack Katz, the Vice-President of the Club, who had passed away during the year, a permanent inscription was being entered upon the books of the Hebrew Free Loan Association.

Laz. Loeb, the President, was in the chair during the session and greetings were extended by Rabbi Oscar Z. Fisman. The singing was led by Mr. Myer Drazin. The boys were highly commended for their contributions to the major charity campaigns in the city, and for the faithful teams they had supplied to collect from the J. N. F. boxes.

Mr. Jess Abelson, who arranged for the breakfasts in behalf of the Vaad Ha'ir throughout the season, seemed well pleased with the annual consumption of food, due to the average Sunday attendance at the minyan of forty-five boys. The fathers who were present as guests at this last session were deeply impressed with the Jewish spirit and enthusiasm of their sons and expressed their gratitude for the existence of the Club and the directorship of Mr. Bessin.

LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER

Mr. Wilfred Samuel of London, England, who resides in Ottawa at present, has been advanced by the Royal Navy to the rank of Lieutenant-Commander.

CLEANSER FOR KOSHER KITCHENS

In view of the fact that it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain the Rokeach Kosher Cleanser for use on pots and pans, the Rabbi has carried on an investigation and has established that Old Dutch Cleanser may be used for kosher purposes.

Tel Aviv Tennis Club

Besides providing tennis and social facilities for civilians, the Tel Aviv Tennis Club this summer will become a recreation center for Jewish servicemen through arrangements made with the Vaal Ha'ir.

Money has been provided by the War Services Fund to carry out extensive repairs to the clubhouse and to purchase new deck chairs and game equipment. Workmen are now busily engaged in giving the clubhouse a "face lifting".

The aim will be to make the club an ideal summer spot for both civilians and those in uniform. There will be tennis, outdoor badminton, croquet, archery, horseshoe pitching, ping pong, and volleyball. Dances will be held as often as possible.

The side veranda has been extended to provide more space for sun bathing and dancing.

Despite the shortage of tennis balls enough are expected to be available to carry on the sport. Newcomers to Ottawa are welcome to join the club. It is ideally located beside the Rideau River and easily accessible by street car or by Overbrook bus which stops right at the door.

Memberships which cover both playing and social privileges or social alone are offered. There is a special low rate for juniors under 18 years of age. Further information can be obtained from the president, Harry Koffman, 4-1064. Other members of the executive are Marian Bodnoff, Moe Shaffer, Harry Cutler, Ben Rose and Morris Bubbis.

Notes For Emily Post

Whenever Emily Post gets around to writing a book on Synagogue Etiquette, it is highly probable that the following suggestions will be incorporated:

1. When a man has yahrzeit, good taste requires that he should remain in the synagogue for the Maariv service that succeeds the Minchah service of his final Kaddish.

2. When a man in mourning has recited the Kaddish during the prescribed period of eleven months, good taste requires that he should remain for the Maariv service that succeeds the Minchah service of his final Kaddish. It is a sign of greater respect for the deceased, if the mourner continue to attend the synagogue throughout the twelfth month, although he no longer recites Kaddish.

3. The proper way in which to observe a Yizkor service is to come to the synagogue early enough to participate in

Talmud Torah Progresses

Many changes in the Ottawa Talmud Torah are unfortunately unknown to most of our families. Thus, for example, a great deal of work was done this year with the Hebrew Choir under the direction of Mr. S. Ben-Gali, while journalistic and artistic talents of the children have been brought to light through the Itonenu, a newspaper developed for every Jewish holiday.

Children now begin the study of Chumash before they leave Class Aleph, and those who remain until Vov are initiated into the text of both Mishnah and Gemara. The religious aspects of the Talmud Torah this past year have resulted in a substantial increase of attendance at the Saturday morning minyan, in a very large number of boys and girls who daven every morning of the week, and in a more thorough understanding of the Jewish ceremonies and customs than was to be found among the pupils in the years gone by. A boy who is taught for Bar Mitzvah at the Ottawa Talmud Torah is also instructed in the laws pertaining to Tefillin, and Bar Mitzvah boys are no longer in the habit of abandoning the Hebrew School the day after the ceremony.

In general, it was well pointed out by Rabbi B. Kravetz at the recent public examination of the Talmud Torah, that some people have a tendency to repeat criticisms of a former day that do not apply at present. Let the sincere men and women visit the Talmud Torah, see how it has made progress, and then judge on the face of the record.

HORACE COHEN, SPEAKER

Mr. Horace Cohen, Clothing Administrator for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and well-known communal leader of Montreal, will address the Bnai Brith meeting at the Talmud Torah tonight.

CHOICE OF WEDDING DATE

To those who are planning weddings during the summer it is here issued as a reminder that the period known as the Three Weeks, when weddings may not be solemnized, begins Monday night, July 19th, and lasts until Wednesday, August 11th.

the preceding Shachrith service and to remain until the end of the Musaf service.

4. The proper way to attend a Bar Mitzvah at the synagogue is to come early enough to participate in the Shachrith service and to remain until the end of the Musaf service.

Your Rabbi Said

The measure of happiness is not in the grain you harvest for yourself, but in the "peah", the corner, you leave for the poor. Holiness attaches not only to that corner, but, because of it, to the entire field..... To remove ceremonies from Judaism is to deprive Israel of the vitamins hidden in them..... It is important to have many experiences in life, providing one distills out of them a singleness of purpose; who travels in all directions travels nowhere.... As it is impossible to measure the length and breath of a house, unless the stake from which the cord is drawn remain firmly in one place, so is it impossible to build a scale of human values without a point of origin that does not shift about; Judaism posits God as the secure beginning of all measurements.... Left to itself, memory will preserve the nonsensical as readily as the significant; an act of will is required to make it discard the former and keep the latter. What we choose to remember at Yiskor is, therefore, a major question.

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U. P. A Chairman Explains Cause

Twenty-nine thousand children are pleading with you—pleading for a chance to survive and grow up—children, many of whose parents are dead—cruelly slaughtered by the decrees of that master-monster—Schickelgruber. Will you give these innocent victims a fighting chance?

It is only by the grace of God that our own children do not suffer the same fate. If the positions were reversed, would you not be everlastingly grateful if those more fortunate than you stretched out a helping hand?

You have all heard or read of the blood-chilling atrocities committed on the Jews in occupied countries; how thousands were packed into box cars, with no food nor water, no room to move nor sit and left on sidings before being shipped to Poland. On arrival, 50% were dead, the others probably going to a fate worse than death.

For the adult populations there is very little hope—those that are not killed are dying off in thousands—of starvation, disease and heart-breaking madness.

But some of the children now have an opportunity—if we will all do our utmost to help. Our sisters and brothers in Palestine are willing to take the responsibility of rearing these children, if we on this continent will send them there. All we are asked to do is to supply the necessary funds. That is the least we can do. It is up to you and me—all of us together to save their lives. If we fail, it will be a blot on the page of Jewish history which can never be erased. If we do not do our best, can we sleep peacefully or enjoy our meals, knowing that these children are near death for lack of food?

The need is greater this year than ever before. It is more than a duty—it is a God-given privilege to help in their hour of need. Let your hearts, not your pockets, dictate. You will do your best—I know you will.

ALEX. BETCHERMAN,
1943 UPA Chairman.

THE VAAD HA'IR ON GUARD.

Events of the week prior to Passover this year gave strong evidence of the value to be derived from an alert Vaad Ha'ir. Only a few days before the holiday it developed that a matzo shortage was threatening many homes and that Passover milk would not be in the city. Immediately the Rabbi and the Vaad Hakashruth took vigorous action, having been promised the support of the synagogues through the President of the Vaad Ha'ir Mr. A. J. Freiman. The consequence was that during the three

To Make Meat Kosher

In response to several inquiries made of him recently, the Rabbi prints here the rules for making kosher the meat purchased at a kosher market:

1. Soak the meat for one-half hour in a pail that is set aside for this purpose. The pail may not be used for kosher foods.

2. Then place the meat upon a board that is smooth and inclined or a board that has open cacks or holes through which the blood may drain. Sprinkle coarse salt upon all surfaces of the meat and permit it to remain in the salt for one hour.

3. Rinse the meat three times with cold water. It is now ready for the pot.

(Notice: This process must be taken care of within seventy-two hours after the time of slaughter, or after the last time that the meat was washed with water. It is, therefore, advisable to make your meat kosher as soon after it enters your kitchen as possible). 4. To make liver kosher only one process is permissible; namely, to broil the liver over an open flame or in an intensely heated oven on wires so that the blood may have open space through which to escape. A little coarse salt should be sprinkled on the liver immediately before the broiling takes place.

Important: To fry raw liver in a pan is to make both the pan and the liver trefa.

The Rabbi has frequently argued that Jewish housewives should make the meat kosher in their own kitchens, rather than to ask the butchers for this service. It is part of the education of the Jewish child to see how meat is made kosher and girls who do not become familiar with the process in their homes will find it difficult, if they happen to take up residence in a community where the markets do not supply such service to their customers.

days before Pesach approximately seventy families in the city were able to overcome their matzo difficulties by direct purchases at the Vaad Ha'ir office from a special shipment that was brought into Ottawa, while an emergency agreement with the Ottawa Dairy Company made it possible to have a normal distribution of Passover milk.

At a meeting of the Vaad Hakashruth where the Rabbi discussed these accomplishments he stressed the importance of letting the people in our community realize that our synagogues provide for many communal needs beyond those immediately associated with the requirements of public worship, and that synagogue membership should, therefore, be a primary concern of every Jewish individual.